Garden Under Review

Use direct details to support clear inferences.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.8.1 "Cite the textual evidence that most strongly supports an analysis of what the text says explicitly as well as inferences drawn from the text."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline details stated directly about Maya's actions. Then write one inference in the margin and number the two details that most strongly support it.

The Monday Inspection

1 On Saturday morning, Maya arrived at the community garden carrying a box of seed packets and a notebook. The garden's gate stood open, but no one else had come. A sign near the tool shed announced that the city would inspect the site on Monday. Maya copied the notice into her notebook, then walked slowly along each planting bed. At the tomato plot, she pressed a finger into the dry soil and frowned at the empty water barrel.

2 By noon, volunteers began arriving with gloves and rakes. Maya did not mention the inspection at first. Instead, she handed Mr. Chen a list of tasks, asked two younger children to collect litter, and showed another volunteer the cracked hose. When Mr. Chen suggested postponing the work until next weekend, Maya pointed to the notice on her notebook page. Soon, the group loosened packed soil, filled buckets at a nearby faucet, and pulled weeds from the paths.

3 On Monday afternoon, the inspector paused at the gate before entering the garden. She checked the paths, examined the water setup, and read the labels on the planting beds. Maya stood beside the tool shed, twisting the corner of her notebook. After several minutes, the inspector said the garden could remain open if the volunteers replaced the hose before summer. Maya wrote down the requirement, thanked the inspector, and later taped a repair schedule beside the gate.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. What does paragraph 1 state directly about the garden's water supply? Cite the details that most strongly support your answer.

2. What can you infer about why Maya does not tell the volunteers about the inspection right away? Cite two details that most strongly support your inference.

3. How does the volunteers' response change during paragraph 2? Cite evidence that best supports your analysis.

4. What can you infer about Maya's feelings while the inspector is deciding? Which detail most strongly supports your inference?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Write exactly three sentences about how Maya expects the volunteers to respond after the inspection. In sentence 1, state an inference. In sentences 2 and 3, cite one detail each and explain how it supports your inference.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline details stated directly about Maya's actions. Then write one inference in the margin and number the two details that most strongly support it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does paragraph 1 state directly about the garden's water supply? Cite the details that most strongly support your answer.	**The water supply is inadequate: the soil is dry, and the water barrel is empty.**
2	What can you infer about why Maya does not tell the volunteers about the inspection right away? Cite two details that most strongly support your inference.	**Maya wants the group to begin fixing problems instead of delaying or worrying. She assigns tasks and shows a volunteer the cracked hose before she points to the inspection notice when Mr. Chen suggests postponing work.**
3	How does the volunteers' response change during paragraph 2? Cite evidence that best supports your analysis.	**They change from arriving with tools to actively improving the garden. The group loosens packed soil, fills buckets, and pulls weeds from the paths.**
4	What can you infer about Maya's feelings while the inspector is deciding? Which detail most strongly supports your inference?	**Maya is nervous or worried. The strongest evidence is that she twists the corner of her notebook while the inspector checks the garden.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Maya expects the volunteers to keep working together after the inspection. Earlier, she gave Mr. Chen a list of tasks, showing that she organizes the group for shared work. She later taped a repair schedule beside the gate, suggesting that she wants everyone to know the next step.

Accept reasonable inferences when students support them with accurate, relevant details from the passage. Strong responses select the details that most directly support the claim and explain the connection between evidence and inference.